

*Executive Proclamation*  
*State of South Dakota*  
*Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Our community's citizens now residing in nursing homes have contributed immeasurably to South Dakota's heritage of the years; and,

*Whereas*, Our community's nursing home residents are living history; and,

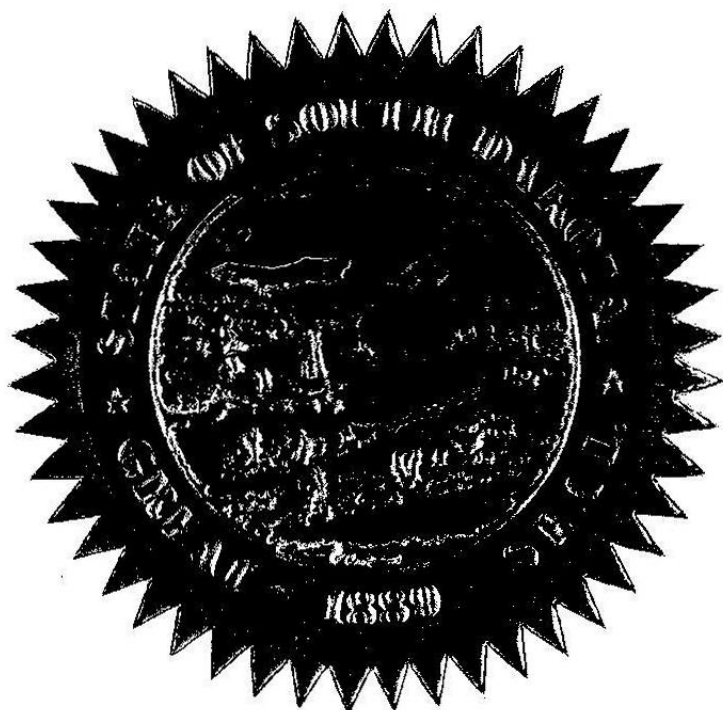
*Whereas*, Member facilities of the American Health Care Association and the South Dakota Health Care Association are sponsoring many activities in observance of National Nursing Home Week, guided by this year's theme, "Taking Center Stage," beginning on Mother's Day, May 8, 2005:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 8-14, 2005, as

*NURSING HOME WEEK*

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to visit friends and loved ones who reside at these facilities and to help honor and serve the individuals who laid the foundations of South Dakota by participating in this year's observance of the week at one of your communities' facilities.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.



*M. Michael Rounds*  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

*Ch. Nelson*  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State